

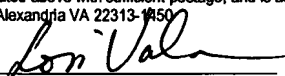
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/017824	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 24 NOVEMBER 2004	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/579,943
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING CRATER END OF CONTINUOUSLY CAST PRODUCT, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING CONTINUOUSLY CAST PRODUCT		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 27 NOV. 2003; 11 NOV. 2004
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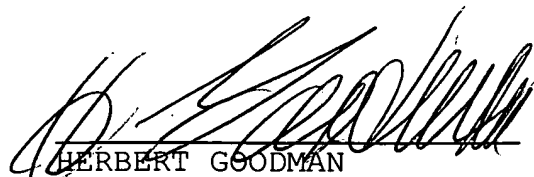
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